Adapted Community Collaboration Model for Family-Friendly Schools Parent Survey

Your school is taking part in a special project to improve schools. Parent involvement is a very important part of successful schools. Your school would like to know how they can best help families, and how they can work together with parents to help all children succeed in school. If you are a grandparent, foster parent or guardian, we consider you a parent and value your ideas along with mothers and fathers.

Please answer the following questions by clicking on the circle for one choice for each question. Your answers need to be your personal view of the school and community - all of your responses are completely anonymous. Thank you for your honest opinions – they will provide your school with valuable information.

In this survey, "all families" means families of different races, cultures and financial means.

| ONE o | ach of the following statements please darken the circle that best represents your answer. | Strongly disagree | Disagree | Don't know | Agree | Strongly agree |
|-------|---|----------------------|----------|---------------|-------|-------------------|
| 1. | The school offers training and information about how to help children learn at home. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2. | The school shares regular progress reports with families about how their child is doing in school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. | The school lets families know of all the different ways for them to be involved at school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. | The school helps all families make a smooth change from one school to another. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. | All parents (grandparents, fathers, guardians, foster- parents, and mothers) are welcome in our school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. | The school offers programs, conferences and other activities that are helpful to families. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. | Parents, from different cultural backgrounds, are included in groups or committees that help lead the school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 8. | The school asks all parents for ideas about issues important to parents and to children. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9. | In our school and community, there are opportunities for all parents to help in some way. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| All parents can volunteer in many ways in the school and community. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| There is job training available for all parents in our school or community. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| There are opportunities in our community for all parents to improve their education. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The school helps all families find services in the community like childcare, housing, and health care. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| There is affordable preschool for all families in our community. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The school communicates often with all parents and in many different ways. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| The school helps all families get to know other families in the school community. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Families receive information about special events at the school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18. Parents and family members help out at the school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 19. Families have good communication with teachers. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 20. Families attend special events at the school. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21. Families help their children with homework. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 22. Families check to be sure children's homework gets done. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Teachers at the school are interested and cooperative when they discuss children with family members. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 24. Families know easy ways to contact school staff and teachers with questions or concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25. The school facility is accessible for family members and students using wheelchairs and other equipment. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|---|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|------------------|
| 26. There is a process for all students to talk with their teachers about problems that are bothering them. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 27. Parents show they care about their child's education and school behavior. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 28. In their interactions with students, all school staff act in ways that demonstrate the character qualities the school is trying to teach. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| All students are respectful toward their parents in the school environment. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 30. Teachers go out of their way to help any students who need extra help. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 31. Teachers treat all parents with respect. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 32. In this school, you can count on adults to try to make sure students are safe. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 33. This school treats all parents in a way that makes them feel respected (welcomed, valued, cared about). | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 34. Faculty and staff treat each other with respect (are caring, supportive, etc.). | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 35. In their interactions with all students, teachers act in ways that demonstrate the character qualities the school is trying to teach. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 36. Teachers are fair in their treatment of all students. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 37. This school cares about the thoughts and feelings of all parents. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 38. Faculty and staff are involved in helping to make school decisions. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39. In this school, parents treat all other parents with respect. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| 40. Parents show respect for teachers. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 41. In their interactions with students, parents act in ways that demonstrate the character qualities the school is trying to teach. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 42. This school shows appreciation for the efforts of faculty and staff. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 43. There are opportunities for families with low incomes to get help with school-related costs. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 44. Special holidays, important people and traditions from diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds are part of our school's yearly celebrations. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

In this section, we ask that you rate your school. For each pair of words, place an X in the space where you think your school is on the line. For example, if you think your school does a great job on something, you would respond:

Great job ___|_X _|__|__| Sorry to say

My school:

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|----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Welcomes parents | | | Keeps parents out |
| Is safe | | | Is dangerous |
| Cares about families | | | Doesn't care about families |
| Is improving | | | Is getting worse |
| Is friendly | | | Is unkind |
| Helps all students succeed | | | Only helps a small group |
| Is easy to understand | | | Is confusing |
| Values parents' ideas | | | Ignores parents' ideas |
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Thank you for your time and honesty.

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